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COUNTRY: CHILE

SUBJ: PCCH CONCLUSION THAT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR BOMBINGS IN SANTIAGO AND VALPARAISO

DOI: JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1988

TEXT: 1. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE PCCH HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTER (CNI) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 20 JANUARY 1987 BOMBING OF A MEDICAL CENTER IN VALPARAISO THAT LEFT ONE PERSON DEAD AND THE 31 JANUARY BOMBING OF AN APARTMENT IN THE SANTIAGO SUBURB OF VILLA PORTALES THAT LEFT THREE DEAD. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THEY BELIEVED THAT THE MANUEL RODRIGUEZ PATRIOTIC FRONT (FPMR) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BURNING OF 11 VEHICLES IN VALPARAISO ON 24 JANUARY AND THE REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT OF THE LEFT (MIR) WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REMOTE CONTROLLED BOMB THAT KILLED THE CARABINEROS SPECIAL OPERATIONS GROUP (GOPE) COMMANDER, MAJOR JULIO ((BENIMELI)). [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CARABINEROS SUSPECTED CNI INVOLVEMENT IN THE BURNING OF THE 11 VEHICLES IN VALPARAISO ON 24 JANUARY. [REDACTED]

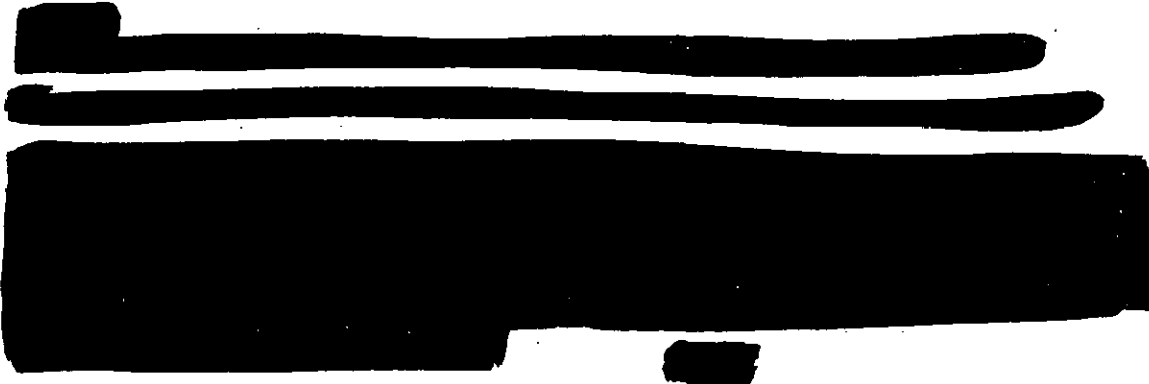
2. [REDACTED] THE THREE VICTIMS IN THE VILLA PORTALES BOMBING HAD BEEN MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY YOUTH (JJCC). [REDACTED] THE PCCH HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE JJCC MEMBERS WERE EXECUTED BY THE CNI IN RETALIATION FOR THE KILLING OF BENIMELI. [REDACTED] THE PARTY BELIEVES THAT RIGHT-WING EXTREMIST GROUPS SUCH AS THE NATIONAL COMBAT FRONT (FNC) ARE ACTUALLY CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF CNI ORGANIZED INTO SQUADS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RETALIATING AGAINST PCCH, FPMR AND MIR MEMBERS. THE PCCH ALSO HOLDS THE CNI RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SEPTEMBER 1987 DISAPPEARANCES OF FIVE PCCH MEMBERS AND THE 8 FEBRUARY 1988 DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO OTHER LEFTISTS IN VALPARAISO. [REDACTED] COMMENT: A SPOKESMAN CLAIMING TO REPRESENT THE "NATIONAL COMBAT FORCE" CALLED LOCAL RADIO STATIONS SHORTLY AFTER THE VILLA PORTALES BOMBING TO CLAIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ACT AS A REPRISAL FOR THE KILLING OF BENIMELI. LATER, A CALLER IDENTIFYING HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COMBAT FRONT (FNC), AN EXTREME RIGHTIST GROUP, CALLED AND DENIED THAT HIS GROUP WAS RESPONSIBLE AND POINTED OUT THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED CALLER HAD IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE "NATIONAL COMBAT FORCE" WHICH WAS NOT TIED TO HIS GROUP, THERE HAS BEEN A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS RAISED IN THE LOCAL, PRIMARILY OPPOSITION, PRESS ABOUT THE VILLA PORTALES BOMBING. FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS HAVE ASKED FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A "SPECIAL MINISTER" ("MINISTRO EN VISITA") TO INVESTIGATE THE ANOMALIES.)

3. [REDACTED] THE PCCH EXPECTS MORE SUCH GOVERNMENT-INSPIRED VIOLENCE AS THE PLEBISCITE DRAWS NEAR AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ATTEMPT TO LINK THE FPMR AND THE MIR TO THE VIOLENCE. [REDACTED] THERE WAS LITTLE THAT THE PCCH COULD DO ABOUT SUCH TACTICS EXCEPT IMPROVE SECURITY MEASURES AND INSURE THAT

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